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## Parents monitor bonds progress

More money needed for some projects

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Parents, students and teachers at Parkland High School are feeling better this week about the school's slice of the \$150 million school bond referendum passed by county voters in 2001.

A delay in the multimillion dollar bond-funded renovation project at the school had parents and school personnel concerned that school system administrators were planning to scale back

Parkland's renovations. Gene Miller, assistant superintendent for operations, spent about

three hours last week, reassuring members of the school's PTA that Parkland will get all of its \$4 million of renovations. Miller said there were never plans to shortchange Parkland.

"There is some misinformation that is flying around," he said. Miller thinks a source of the confusion is the delay in the Parkland renovation. The school system had submitted construction bids in April for the renovation, which will include adding 17 classrooms and a major facelift for the media center. Bids came in at around \$6 million, though, about 30 percent more than the \$4 million earmarked for the school. Miller said that escalated steel and petroleum prices were to blame for the high bids.

School system administrators decided to wait several months before resubmitting the Parkland project to contractors. They hope the wait will allow prices to stabilize. But Miller said the school system is committed to pushing on with the Parkland renovations even if bids come in high again.

"We are working on a plan right now to see that we get all of our bond projects (done)," he said.

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## Group helps homeowners in need

Rebuilding Together picks first family for rehab

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Water, in some form or another, is constantly a problem at Alma Sturdivant's house. When it rains, it seeps through her shoddy roof, sending Sturdivant scurrying for pots, pans and anything else that can catch the leaks. When she turns on her kitchen faucet to wash dishes, she doesn't know what is going to come out.

"The plumbing is a big problem here," she said. "It leaks and leaks, and the water bills go up higher and higher."

Help is on the way for Sturdivant, who shares her Southeast Winston home with her 4-year-old daughter and her mother. Rebuilding Together of Forsyth County announced last

week that Sturdivant's home will be revitalized through the organization's efforts. The organization is planning to give Sturdivant a new roof and fix her plumbing woes. It will also repair the vinyl siding on her house and replace her discolored carpet with a new one.

Karen Siburt, the president of Rebuilding Together of Forsyth, says that work will start on Sturdivant's house before Christmas. More than 60,000 homes throughout the country have been rehabilitated through Rebuild Together, a 16-year-old organization that relies on volunteers to fix up homes as Habitat for Humanity uses volunteers to build homes. But in Forsyth County, Sturdivant's house will be the first project for Rebuilding Together.



Siburt



Alma Sturdivant holds her daughter, Kameron, on the front porch of her home.

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## STILL SMILING

Trailblazing dentist honored by her colleagues for decades of service

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

The pink dental equipment in Dr. Nancy Gannaway's office has been in use for nearly as long as she has been practicing dentistry. Many of her patients have grown up in the pink chair over the course of her 50-year career. At the age of 75, she still sees 20 patients a week, sometimes more if she wants to get things done.

She has never worked with the assistance of a dental hygienist because she prefers to do all of her work.

It's Gannaway's steadfast hands-on approach that garnered the attention of the Dr. George Simpkins Dental Study Club Tuesday evening. The group of some 34 black dentists from around the state honored her in Greensboro at the group's annual dinner.

"I'm flattered naturally, and I'm most grateful that I've been able to practice for as long as I have. I think the (dental club is) just wonderful," said Gannaway, who is North Carolina's longest practicing African-American female dentist.

The three-year-old dental club is named for a black dentist from Greensboro who was also a civil rights activist in the area.

Dr. Paul Watkins, who is a member of the dental club, has been practicing for the last 12 years, and he says the group wanted to recognize Gannaway for her dental excellence and her unri-



Photo by Courtney Gaillard

See Gannaway on A11 Dr. Nancy Gannaway has been a dentist for half a century.



File Photo  
Julian Bond has been the chairman of the NAACP since 1998.

## Bond will speak at UNCG

Visit comes as civil rights group is in the headlines

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The chairman of the National NAACP will speak next month at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as part of the school's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. Julian Bond will speak in the school's Aycock Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Bond, whose battles against racism and for economic and social justice date back to the 1950s, has served

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Photos by Kevin Walker  
Karlos King (left) and Tap Money, 102 JAMZ personalities, helped to man the toy bus last week in Winston-Salem.

## HIP-HOP WITH A HEART

Station stages multicity toy drive

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

A charter bus - one the size of a Greyhound - sat anchored in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart off of Hanes Mall Boulevard. Its cargo wasn't people but toys, gobs of them - everything one could imagine. Toys, dolls, to sports equipment and Walkman radios. As people came to donate even more toys, they were greeted by the pulsating base of hip-hop music and a gracious bunch of twenty-somethings decked out in throwbacks and loose-fitting jeans.

The annual Stuff the Bus Toy Drive held by WJMH-FM (102 JAMZ) was not the Triad's only weekend effort to collect toys for economically disadvantaged children, but, by far, it was the coolest. Stuff the Bus has become

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Photo by Kevin Walker  
Curtis Henry, a member of the WFU Black Graduate Students Association, hands over some basketballs.



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